

## THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1 1. (currently amended) A method of monitoring activities performed at a cable television  
2 tap, the method comprising the steps of:

3 determining whether technician data is read;

4 storing the technician data in association with an access time and an access date upon  
5 determining that the technician data is read; and

6 providing data to a remote location; and

7 associating the data with the cable television tap.

1 2. (currently amended) The method according to claim 1, further comprising[[::]] generating  
2 a sensor signal.

1 3. (original) The method according to claim 2, further comprising storing the access time  
2 and the access date in response to the sensor signal.

1 4. (currently amended) The method according to claim 1, further comprising[[::]]  
2 determining whether a port status has been modified.

1 5. (original) The method according to claim 4, further comprising storing the modified port  
2 status in association with the access time and access date upon determining that the port status  
3 has been modified.

1 6. (original) The method according to claim 1, wherein the data is provided at a  
2 predetermined time interval.

1      7. (original) The method according to claim 1, wherein the data is provided upon request.

1      8. (currently amended) The method according to claim 1, further comprising[[::]] receiving  
2      the data at a computer at the remote location.

1      9. (currently amended) The method according to claim 1, further comprising generating a  
2      report base based in part on the provided data.

1      10. (original) The method according to claim 1, further comprising reading technician data.

1      11. (original) The method according to claim 1, further comprising providing port status  
2      data.

1      12. (currently amended) A system for monitoring activities performed at a cable television  
2      tap, the system comprising:the steps of:

3            a controller operable to determine whether technician data is read;  
4            a memory, coupled to controller, operable to store the technician data in association with  
5      an access time and an access date upon a determination that the technician data is read; and  
6            a communication medium, coupled to the controller, operable to provide data to a remote  
7      location; and  
8            wherein the controller is operable to associate the data with the cable television tap.

1      13. (currently amended) The system according to claim 12, further comprising[[::]] a sensor,  
2      coupled to the controller, operable to generate a sensor changed status signal.

1      14. (currently amended) The system according to claim 13, further comprising wherein the  
2      memory is operable to store the access time and the access date.

1    15. (currently amended) The system according to claim 12, ~~further comprising~~ wherein the  
2    controller is operable to determine whether a port status has been modified.

1    16. (currently amended) The system according to claim [[6]] 12, further comprising wherein  
2    the memory is operable to store the modified port status in association with the access time and  
3    access date upon a determination that the port status has been modified.

1    17. (original) The system according to claim 12, wherein the data is provided at a  
2    predetermined time interval.

1    18. (original) The system according to claim 12, wherein the data is provided upon request.

1    19. (currently amended) The system according to claim 12, further comprising[[::]] a  
2    computer, coupled to the communication medium, operable to receive the data.

1    20. (currently amended) The system according to claim [[12]] 19, further comprising  
2    wherein the compute: is operable to generate a report base based in part on the provided data.

1    21. (original) The system according to claim 12, further comprising a reader, coupled to the  
2    controller, operable to read technician data.

1    22. (currently amended) The system according to claim 12, further comprising tap circuitry,  
2    coupled to the controller, operable to providing provide port status data.